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- 1. ALTHOUGH NOT DIRECTLY CONFIRMED FROM RIO, HAVE EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT HERPELS WILL BE APPROPRIATE CONTACT FOR GILLER DISCUSSIONS.
- 2. RE. PARA 3, REFTEL B, REFTEL A LANGUAGE WAS UNFORTUNATE IN CHARACTERIZING PHYSICAL SECURITY IN A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES AS "MARGINAL." IN MOST, IF NOT ALL, SUCH CASES, INCLUDING BELGIUM, U.S. PHYSICAL SECURITY REVIEW TEAM NOTED CERTAIN SPECIAL SITUATIONS WHERE IT FELT THAT SOME ASPECT OF PHYSICAL SECURITY MIGHT BE MODIFIED AND THEREBY STRENGTHENED. IN SPIRIT OF THESE TECHNICAL EXCHANGES ON PHYSICAL SECURITY MEASURES, THESE SITUATIONS WERE DISCUSSED WITH LOCAL CONFIDENTIAL

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OFFICIALS. AS PART OF CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS, GILLER IS

INTERESTED IN LEARNING STEPS WHICH MAY HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO FOLLOW UP THESE DISCUSSIONS. ON BALANCE, STRENGTHS OF BELGIAN PHYSICAL SECURITY SYSTEM OUTWEIGH WEAKNESSES.

3. THE SPECIFIC AREAS WHICH WERE IDENTIFIED FOR POSSIBLE UPGRADING DURING THE TEAM VISIT WERE:

A. DEVELOPMENT OF GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS AND PROCEDURES COVERING PHYSICAL SECURITY REQUIREMENTS AND AN EMERGENCY ACTION PLAN.

B. AT THE MOL FACILITY, PROVIDING FOR:

(1) SEARCH OF PERSONS AND PACKAGES LEAVING INNER AREA; (2) CONSTANT SURVEILLANCE OF PERSONS WHEN WITHIN THE INNER AREA; (3) IMPROVED ILLUMINATION AROUND THE PERIMETER OF THE PROTECTED AREA; AND (4) DUPLICATE TWO-WAY VOICE COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN GUARDS AND RESPONSE FORCE.

THESE MEASURES WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH PHYSICAL SECURITY STANDARDS RECOMMENDED BY THE IAEA IN INFCIRC 225.

- 4. THE TEAM BRIEFED AND RECEIVED ASSURANCE FROM THE BELGIAN AUTHORITIES THAT PLANS WERE UNDER DEVELOPMENT TO ASSURE CONFORMANCE WITH THE INTENT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF INFCIRC 225.
- 5. BASED ON THE TEAM DISCUSSIONS AND OBSERVATIONS AT MOL, THE PLANNED UPGRADING OF PHYSICAL SECURITY AT MOL IS APPROPRIATE. THE TEAM ASSESSMENT IS THAT WHEN THESE UPGRADING MEASURES ARE FULLY IMPLEMENTED, PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIAL AT MOL WILL BE ENHANCED.
- 6. ERDA WILL POUCH REPORT OF VISIT TO EMBASSY WHEN COMPLETED. KISSINGER

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